

### IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (previously amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removable relationship thereto, wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning, and wherein said bench supports fasten to a canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock; and

said canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning.

Claim 9 (original) - The bed of claim 8 wherein said link is received within a hollow of said canopy, said canopy including an abutment which captures a latch projecting from said link, said hollow including a bead which frictionally resides against a terminus of said link.

Claims 10 through 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (previously amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including bench supports, a bed, and a canopy, wherein said bench supports fasten to said canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock.

Claims 18 through 29 (cancelled)